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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chairman Galen Hollenbaugh, on January 29, 2009 at 8:32 A.M., in Room 317-C Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh, Chairman (D)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Robert Mehlhoff (D)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Shawn Graham, OBPP
Tyrrell Hibbard, Committee Secretary
Barbara Smith, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Subject Addressed: Department of Agriculture overview
and decision packages

Executive Action: None.

00:00:35 Ms. Smith, Legislative Fiscal Division
[EXHIBIT\(jnh21a01\)](#)
00:01:25 Chairman Hollenbaugh

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

00:01:31 Ron de Yong, Director, Department of Agriculture

Central Services Division

00:04:24 Kathy Seacat, Administrator, Central Services Division-
division overview and decision packages.
[EXHIBIT\(jnh21a02\)](#)
00:12:37 Chairman Hollenbaugh

DP 1501 Program 15 Base Budget Adjustments

00:12:43 Ms. Seacat

DP 1503 Network Administrator

00:13:26 Ms. Seacat

DP 1504 Grant Application Management System BIEN/OTO

00:15:59 Ms. Seacat

DP 1505 Content Management System for AGR.MT.GOV BIEN/OTO

00:17:03 Ms. Seacat

DP 1506 Web Based AG Product Registration System BIEN/OTO

00:17:56 Ms. Seacat
00:18:35 Chairman Hollenbaugh
00:18:43 Ms. Seacat

Agricultural Sciences Division

00:19:02 Greg Ames, Administrator, Agricultural Sciences
Division--division overview and decision packages.
[EXHIBIT\(jnh21a03\)](#)
00:29:30 Rep. Mehlhoff
00:29:58 Mr. Ames
00:30:32 Rep. Mehlhoff
00:30:40 Mr. Ames
00:30:45 Rep. Mehlhoff
00:30:50 Mr. Ames

DP 3001 Program 30 Base Budget Adjustments

00:31:44 Mr. Ames

DP 3002 Analytical Lab Equipment BIEN/OTO

00:32:40 Mr. Ames

DP 3003 Continue Noxious Weed Trust Fund Grants Increase

00:33:15 Mr. Ames

DP 3005 Invasive Species Advisory Council BIEN/OTO

00:34:13 Mr. Ames

Discussion:

00:37:49 Chairman Hollenbaugh
00:37:50 Sen. Tropila
00:38:04 Mr. Ames
00:38:26 Sen. Tropila
00:38:48 Ms. Smith
00:39:02 Sen. Tropila
00:39:12 Chairman Hollenbaugh
00:39:14 Sen. Ripley
00:39:54 Mr. Ames
00:40:33 Sen. Ripley
00:40:43 Mr. Ames
00:41:11 Rep. Jones
00:41:43 Mr. Ames
00:43:00 Sen. Brenden
00:44:15 Mr. Ames
00:45:00 Chairman Hollenbaugh
00:45:06 Mr. Ames
00:45:44 Chairman Hollenbaugh
00:46:04 Mr. Ames
00:46:19 Chairman Hollenbaugh
00:46:24 Mr. Ames

Agriculture Development Division

00:46:51 Joel Clairmont, Deputy Director, Department of
Agriculture; Administrator, Agricultural Development
Division--division overview and decision packages.

EXHIBIT (jnh21a04)

00:54:22 Sen. Brenden
00:54:52 Mr. Clairmont

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00:54:57 Sen. Brenden
00:55:48 Rep. Mehlhoff
00:56:32 Sen. Ripley
00:58:01 Chairman Hollenbaugh
00:58:02 Sen. Brenden
00:58:20 Sen. Tropila
00:59:04 Mr. Clairmont
00:59:20 Sen. Tropila
00:59:23 Sen. Brenden
01:00:06 Mr. Clairmont

DP 5001 Program 50 Base Budget Adjustments

01:00:45 Mr. Clairmont

DP 5006 GTA Act Coal Severance Tax OTO

01:01:39 Mr. Clairmont
01:02:12 Sen. Brenden
01:02:41 Sen. Tropila
01:03:20 Mr. Clairmont
01:04:35 Sen. Tropila
01:04:48 Mr. Clairmont
01:05:53 Chairman Hollenbaugh
01:05:54 Ms. Smith
01:06:37 Sen. Tropila
01:06:49 Ms. Smith
01:07:33 Sen. Tropila

DP 5009 State Grain Lab Funding Switch

01:07:46 Mr. Clairmont
01:08:49 Sen. Ripley
01:09:29 Mr. Graham, OBPP
01:09:59 Sen. Ripley
01:10:22 Mr. Graham
01:10:48 Sen. Brenden
01:11:38 Mr. Graham
01:12:08 Sen. Tropila

EXHIBIT(jnh21a05)

01:12:55 Sen. Ripley
01:13:18 Ms. Seacat
01:14:37 Sen. Ripley
01:15:06 Sen. Tropila
01:15:10 Sen. Ripley
01:15:29 Ms. Seacat
01:16:53 Sen. Tropila
01:17:36 Rep. Jones

DP 5010 Increase Wheat and Barley Authority

01:17:57 Mr. Clairmont
01:18:44 Sen. Brenden
01:19:01 Mr. Clairmont
01:19:32 Mr. de Yong
01:27:25 Ms. Smith
01:27:42 Mr. de Yong
01:29:31 Chairman Hollenbaugh
01:29:34 Ms. Smith
01:30:46 Chairman Hollenbaugh
01:30:49 Mr. Graham
01:31:03 Chairman Hollenbaugh
01:31:09 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:31:45 Mr. de Yong
01:32:59 Chairman Hollenbaugh
01:33:04 Sen. Brenden
01:33:41 Mr. de Yong
01:34:19 Chairman Hollenbaugh

Public Comment:

01:34:41 John Moodry, Weed Supervisor, Butte Silverbow
01:37:11 Mike McGinley, County Commissioner, Beaverhead County
01:39:20 Bing Von Bergen, Montana Agriculture Coalition

EXHIBIT (jnh21a06)

01:43:18 Jeff Tiberi, Executive Director, Montana Association of
Conservation Districts
01:45:18 Robert Wiltshire, Executive Director, Center for
Aquatic Nuisance Species
01:47:15 Celestine Duncan, Montana Noxious Weed Summit Advisory
Council

EXHIBIT (jnh21a07)

01:48:21 Don Fast, Montana Wheat and Barley Committee

EXHIBIT (jnh21a08)

01:52:23 Leonard Schock, Montana Wheat and Barley Committee
01:54:59 Janet Clark, Assistant Director for Policy, Center for
Invasive Plant Management, MSU Bozeman

02:00:45 Chairman Hollenbaugh

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ADJOURNMENT

02:01:26 Adjournment: 10:33 A.M.

Tyrrell Hibbard, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([jnh21aad.pdf](#))